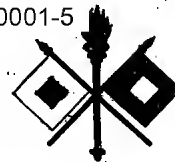


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1. CUBA:

A. THE SOVIETS HAVE AGREED TO THE DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT AS IT STANDS. [REDACTED]

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B. THE SOVIETS PROBABLY WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE.

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C. CASTRO HAS TOLD [REDACTED] CUBAN OFFICERS

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[REDACTED] THAT CUBAN FORCES MUST RELY MORE ON THEIR OWN RESOURCES AND CREATE "THEIR OWN FORMS OF COMBAT."

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D. AS OF YESTERDAY, 21 BLOC SHIPS WERE EN ROUTE TO CUBA, NONE CARRYING MILITARY EQUIPMENT SO FAR AS WE KNOW, ALTHOUGH SOME CARGOES SUCH AS TRUCKS, FOODSTUFFS AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ARE PROBABLY INTENDED FOR MILITARY CONSUMERS. EIGHTEEN OF THE SHIPS ARE SOVIET: TEN FREIGHTERS AND EIGHT TANKERS.

E. ANOTHER TWENTY-TWO BLOC SHIPS, INCLUDING TWENTY SOVIET FREIGHTERS, ARE CURRENTLY IN CUBAN PORTS.

F. [REDACTED] OUR PRISONERS ON THE ISLE OF PINES [REDACTED] WELL AND WITH MORALE GOOD. THEIR TREATMENT HAS IMPROVED AND THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN BETTER QUARTERS.

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G. ONE OF OUR NAVAL PATROL PLANES WAS BUZZED BY TWO MIGS YESTERDAY TWELVE TO FIFTEEN MILES OFF THE NORTHWEST COAST OF CUBA. [REDACTED]

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2. PERU:

A. QUICK ACTION BY PERUVIAN SECURITY TROOPS HAS SO FAR NETTED OVER 1,000 COMMUNIST LEADERS, PRO-COMMUNIST SUBVERSIVES AND SUSPECTS. COMMUNIST PARTY HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN SEIZED, ALONG WITH ITS PRESSES AND PUBLICATIONS.

B. ONLY ELEVEN APRISTAS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED SO FAR, AND THEY WILL PROBABLY BE RELEASED.

C. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF FURTHER DISORDERS.

D. THE RULING JUNTA SAYS THE STATE OF SIEGE WAS WARRANTED BY DISCOVERY OF A PLAN FOR TERROR, SABOTAGE, AND ULTIMATE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT WHICH, A DETAILED OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE SAYS, WAS BEING ENGINEERED FROM MOSCOW, PRAGUE, AND HAVANA.

E. JUNTA CHIEF PEREZ GODOY IS CALLING A CONFERENCE OF ALL PARTY LEADERS TODAY TO BRIEF THEM ON THE COMMUNIST THREAT. HE WILL PROBABLY TRY TO ASSURE THEM THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION IS DIRECTED SOLELY AGAINST THIS THREAT AND ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AS SCHEDULED NEXT JUNE.

F. WHERE ALL THIS WILL LEAVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE JUNTA AND APRA IS NOT CLEAR. APRA IS NOT UNHAPPY SO FAR, BUT THE JUNTA CONTINUES TO REFER TO IT AS THE PRINCIPAL ENEMY, AND APRA, HAS NO REASON TO TRUST THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP.

3. CONGO:

A. TSHOMBE IS STILL TALKING AND ACTING AS IF HIS BUBBLE HAD NOT BURST, BUT MOST OF THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE KATANGAN MESS SEEM TO REALIZE IT HAS, INCLUDING EVEN SOME OF TSHOMBE'S TRIBAL SUPPORTERS.

B. TSHOMBE HIMSELF IS STILL IN KOLWEZI. ALTHOUGH HE SAYS HE WOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO ELISABETHVILLE, THE UN, GULLION, AND DEAN THINK IT MIGHT BE JUST AS WELL IF HE WERE TO STAY WHERE HE IS, AT LEAST UNTIL HE GIVES ASSURANCES OF UN FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT THERE AND ELSEWHERE IN KATANGA.

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D. UN OFFICIALS ARE NOW WORKING ON WAYS AND MEANS OF GETTING A FORCE INTO KOLWEZI WITH A MINIMUM OF DESTRUCTION. THEY PLAN TO PROCEED WHETHER OR NOT ASSURANCES ARE FORTHCOMING FROM TSHOMBE, THE NEXT MOVES BEING TO ESTABLISH CONTROL IN THE PAN HANDLE AREA SOUTHEAST OF ELISABETHVILLE AND GET A FORCE ASSEMBLED AT KAMINA READY TO MOVE ON KOLWEZI FROM THE NORTH.

E. OUR MILITARY PEOPLE BELIEVE THE BEST MOVE WOULD BE TO PARADROP A REINFORCED BATTALION TO GAIN CONTROL OF KOLWEZI AIRFIELD, THEN FLY IN REINFORCEMENTS. THIS, THEY BELIEVE WOULD

REDUCE THE THREAT OF DESTRUCTION, WOULD BE QUICKEST, AND WOULD GET AROUND THE SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF BRIDGING EQUIPMENT.

F. JADOTVILLE IS QUIET, ORDER HAS RETURNED, AND THE BEHAVIOR OF THE INDIAN FORCE THERE HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY. THERE HAS BEEN SOME TROUBLE WITH THE BALUBA POPULATION THERE WHICH HAS BEEN ACTING AS IF THE UN VICTORY WERE THEIRS AND HAS TAKEN TO BEATING UP WHITES.

G. ADOULA IS LOSING NO TIME ESTABLISHING WHAT PRESENCE HE CAN IN ELISABETHVILLE. HE HAS SENT NEARLY A HUNDRED OFFICIALS THERE SO FAR TO GET A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION GOING.

H. HE IS ALSO DETERMINED TO ESTABLISH AN ARMY PRESENCE THERE, BUT SEES THE NEED TO SEND HAND-PICKED, WELL-DISCIPLINED SOLDIERS, OF WHICH HE HAS AT MOST FEW. THERE IS DANGER THAT GOVERNMENT TROOPS WOULD JOIN WITH THE BALUBAS AGAINST EUROPEANS AND TSHOMBE SUPPORTERS.

I. ARRANGEMENTS ARE AFOOT TO RECONVENE THE KATANGAN ASSEMBLY. IF IT RE-ELECTS TSHOMBE AS PRESIDENT, ADOULA HAS SAID HE WILL TREAT WITH HIM AS SUCH.

J. MEANWHILE, ADOULA HAS ANNOUNCED HIS FORMULA FOR RE-INTEGRATION: 1) PUBLIC SERVICES SECRETARY KALALA HAS BEEN SENT FROM LEOPOLDVILLE TO TAKE OVER ADMINISTRATION TEMPORARILY; 2) GENDARMES WHO JOIN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FORCES BY A CERTAIN DATE WILL RETAIN RANKS; 3) ALL CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FOREIGN EXCHANGE REGULATIONS WILL NOW APPLY TO KATANGA; 4) A NEW HEAD

OF THE KATANGAN BANK WILL BE NAMED; 5) ALL KATANGAN MONEY WILL BE CALLED IN AND REPLACED BY THAT OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

4. INDIA-USSR-CHINA:

A. THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW TOLD KOHLER OVER THE WEEK END THAT THE MIG-21'S FOR INDIA ARE ON THEIR WAY.

B. PRESUMABLY THIS REFERS TO THE FIRST SIX OF TWELVE PROMISED BEFORE BORDER WARFARE FLARED UP LAST SEPTEMBER.

C. DELIVERY OF THESE AIRCRAFT (MORE ADVANCED THAN ANYTHING THE CHINESE HAVE) COMES AT THE LOWEST POINT YET REACHED IN THE SINO-SOVIET QUARREL AND WILL BE PARTICULARLY RESENTED BY THE CHINESE.

D. A CHINESE COMMUNIST SPOKESMAN IN HONG KONG SAID FLATLY LAST FALL THAT SOVIET DELIVERY OF THESE AIRCRAFT TO INDIA WOULD PRECIPITATE A MAJOR CRISIS BETWEEN PEIPING AND MOSCOW.

E. AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE LAST WEEK OVER LADAKH, INCLUDING SUPPLY ROUTES IN ADJOINING AREAS OF TIBET AND CHINA, SHOWED LITTLE OF MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE. 50X1

F. [REDACTED] THE PRESENCE OF CHINESE ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE GROUPS IN THE LADAKH BORDER AREA. (ONE UNIT, WITH AT LEAST FOUR TANKS AND FIVE OTHER VEHICLES, WAS SPOTTED.) SUPPLY CACHES WERE NOTED ALONG ROUTES IN TIBET LEADING TOWARD LADAKH AND NEPAL, BUT NO MILITARY MOVEMENT WAS SEEN.

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5. LAOS:

A. ANOTHER OF OUR CHARTER AIRCRAFT, DROPPING RICE TO THE MEO IN PHONG SALY PROVINCE, WAS SHOT DOWN SATURDAY, ALMOST CERTAINLY BY THE PATHET LAO, AS THEY CONTROL THE AREA.

B. NO ONE WAS SERIOUSLY HURT, AND THE US PILOT AND THREE OTHERS ABOARD (ONE CANADIAN, TWO LAOTIANS) HAVE BEEN RECOVERED.

6. BRAZIL:

A. GOULART'S REFERENDUM ON RETURNING STRONG POWERS TO THE BRAZILIAN PRESIDENCY GETS UNDER WAY TODAY. IT IS TOO EARLY FOR RETURNS YET, BUT THERE IS LITTLE QUESTION THAT A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY WILL APPROVE.

B. GOULART HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS PLEDG-
ANTI-INFLATIONARY ACTION AND SPEAKING HIGHLY OF THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS, PRESIDENT KENNEDY, AND "THE NOBLE AMERICAN PEOPLE WITH WHOM THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE ARE UNITED BY TIES OF TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP."

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7. YEMEN - SAUDI ARABIA:

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8. NOTES:

A. USSR-COMMUNIST CHINA: THIS MORNINGS PRAVDA DEVOTED TWO FULL PAGES TO YET ANOTHER POLEMIC AGAINST THE CHINESE IN REBUTTAL TO PEIPING'S MAJOR STATEMENTS OF THE LAST WEEK. PRAVDA GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT MOSCOW HAS ACCEPTED THE INEVITABILITY OF A "SPLIT" IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND IS TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BLAME WILL BE ON THE CHINESE.

B. YUGOSLAVIA-UK: THE BRITISH EXPECT KHRUSHCHEV WILL VISIT YUGOSLAVIA IN LATE MARCH; THEY PLAN TO COUNTER IT BY INVITING YUGOSLAV VICE-PRESIDENT RANKOVIC TO LONDON SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

C. INDONESIA-USSR: DJAKARTA IS ARRANGING WITH MOSCOW FOR SOVIET INSTRUCTORS TO HELP PLAN FOR AND STAFF AN INDO-
NESIAN NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE WHICH IS BEING SET UP. [REDACTED]

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D. CUBA-CAMBODIA: SIHANOUK, IN A NEW YEARS MESSAGE TO CASTRO, WISHES HIM "SUCCESS IN THE STRUGGLE TO SAFEGUARD THE INDEPENDENCE OF VALIANT CUBA." [REDACTED]

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